

In the Matter of )  
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Amendment of Part 90 of the Commission Rules ) WP Docket No. 07-100  
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The fire service across Illinois has used their assigned radio frequencies as the primary method of notification of fire and EMS personnel of emergencies requiring their assistance for many years. This system is utilized to alert response companies while on duty, as well

as off-duty personnel for 'call-back' purposes, and automatic aid and mutual aid emergency companies. Many of the fire departments utilizing this system depend on volunteer personnel and do not have the financial ability to implement a new, costly replacement system. This cost is not limited to rural/volunteer departments, as it will affect municipal departments of varying sizes and financial ability as well. Restricting or eliminating the use of such frequencies for this purpose would be an insurmountable detriment to the health and welfare of countless citizens across the State of Illinois.

#### **IV. CONCLUSION**

Paging on primary and mutual aid frequencies in Illinois is critically important for the safety and welfare of all Illinois citizens and should be maintained as an option on the voice channels. The elimination or restriction of paging on the either of the regularly utilized frequencies would severely impact this operation across the state of Illinois and other surrounding states.

Respectfully Submitted,

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